(SRI KADIDAL MANJAPPA.)

have been made for distribution on a liberal scale particularly in the acutely affected Districts of Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug.

4. The Agricultural Department has distributed 4,790 pallas of seed grains to the ryots in the distress areas to overcome the shortage of seed grains.

5. Foodgrains are being issued free weekly to registered destitutes and disabled persons in the affected areas.

6. Thirteen tons of milk powder and one lakh multi-vitamin tablets have been distributed by the Mysore State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society, through 41 centres started for the purpose in the distress areas.

7. A sum of Rs. 5·5 lakhs of land revenue has been remitted and the collection of an equal sum has been suspended for the year 1951-52 in respect of 29 taluks affected by distress.

8. One hundred and forty-four additional foodgrains sales depots have been started in the distress areas and the supply of foodgrains to these depots has been progressively stepped up from July onwards.

Donations made by the Prime Minister and His Highness the Rajpramukh have also been utilised for the purpose.

9. Private philanthropy has also been mobilised in each locality for objects, such as starting free kitchens, gruel centres for the disabled. So far, 150 gruel centres and free kitchens are being run by philanthropic organisations supplying food to 25,000 destitutes and disabled persons, mostly in Kolar District where the poverty and distress of the people is most acute.

10. Action in other directions such as collection towards Chief Minister's Relief Fund, constitution of Central Distress Relief Committee and holding Distress Relief Conference of leading citizens of the State, has also been taken to see that the situation caused by the adverse seasonal conditions is met in some degree and the distress relieved to the extent possible. There has been a greater need for extending and increasing the relief works at least up to the end of December 1952 to provide the ryot class in the distress areas with money to purchase foodgrains and to meet other essential requirements.

Improvement of the Wool Spinning Centre at Kolar.

Q.—21. **Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY** (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the proposals made for the improvement of the Wool Spinning Centre at Kolar ;

(*b*) the steps taken by them for implementation of the same ?

A.—**Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA** (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) The following proposals have been received from the Director of Industries and Commerce to improve the working of the Kolar Wool Spinning Centre :—

(i) The Centre should be treated as a Demonstration and propaganda unit and not as a Commercial concern.

(ii) Government should purchase its requirements of kamblis for the Jail, Police, Forest and other Departments from the Centre.

(iii) More Show-Rooms for the sale of articles produced in the Centre along with other Cottage Industry products should be opened in important cities and towns (both in and outside State).

(iv) Raw-wool required for the Centre may be made available from the supplies available in the Kolar Sheep Breeding Centres at reasonable prices.

(*b*) The proposals are under consideration of Government.